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SUBJECT : PROPOSED MONTHLY FOODGRAIN REPORT

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1. WE WELCOME WASHINGTON AGENCIES' EFFORT DEVELOP FORMAT FOR ROUTINE MONTHLY FOODGRAIN REPORT. PURPOSE THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROPOSE CERTAIN ALTERATIONS TO REFTEL FORMAT BASED ON OUR JUDGMENT REGARDING AVAILABILITY AND RELIABILITY OF SUGGEST WE TRY THIS REVISED FORMAT FOR A MONTH OR TWO AND THEN REASSESS IT. REGARDING TIMING WE WILL ENDEAVOUR TO CABLE REPORT AS SOON AFTER CLOSE OF MONTH AS POSSIBLE. BASED UPON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE ESTIMATE THAT REPORTING DATE WILL BE O/A 15TH OF MONTH FOLLOWING MONTH UNDER REVIEW.

2. FOLLOWING PROPOSED CHANGES KEYED TO REFTEL.

A. FOODGRAIN STOCK POSITION AND FORECAST

(I) ALL REPORTING WILL BE DONE IN METRIC TONS (MT) INSTEAD OF UNDEFINED QUOTE TONS UNQUOTE USED PREVIOUSLY.

(II) COLUMNAR FORMAT WILL BE EXPANDED TO SIX TO INCLUDE MONTHLY CLOSING STOCK.

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(III) UNDER SIX COLUMN FORMAT RICE STOCKS WILL BE PRESENTED IN PARENTHESIS FOR EACH VARIABLE.

(IV) COMMENT SECTION FOLLOWING FORECAST WILL BE KEYED TO ALPHABETICAL LETTER RATHER THAN NUMBER IN PARENTHESIS.

B. IMPORTS.

(I) TO ELIMINATE REDUNDANT REPORTING, MISSION WILL PROVIDE DATA FOR THIRTEEN MONTH PERIOD TO INCLUDE LAST ACTUAL MONTH AND TWELVE MONTH FORECAST INTO FUTURE. PLEASE NOTE THAT AGGREGATE IMPORT LEVELS, DIFFERENTIATED BY WHEAT AND RICE, WILL BE INCLUDED IN FOODGRAIN FORECAST IN A., -ABOVE, FOR PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS.

(II) REPORT WILL PRESENT DETAILED INFO FOR CURRENT MONTH THROUGH SIX MONTHS AND AGGREGATE ESTIMATES BY DONOR FOR SEVENTH THROUGH TWELFTH MONTH.

C. GOVERNMENT STOCKS

(I) PROPOSED FORMAT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) COLUMN HEADINGS (IN THOUSAND MT) LOCATION, RICE PADDY (EXPRESSED IN RICE EQUIVALENT), WHEAT AND TOTAL.

(B) ROW HEADINGS: AFLOAT ON MONTER VESSEL, TRANSIT (LIGHTERS, BARGES, RAILWAY WAGONS AND TRUCKS), SILOS/ PORT SHEDS, CSDS, LSDS, AND TOTALS.

(II)

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE ELIMINATED COLUMN SUGGESTED REFTEL ENTITLED QUOTE CONDITION UNQUOTE, SINCE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GENERALIZE ABOUT THE CONDITION OF FOODGRAINS EITHER BY KIND (RICE, PADDY, OR WHEAT) OR LOCATION.

MISSION WILL ENDEAVOR, HOWEVER, TO COMMENT ON THE CONDI-
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TION OF STOCKS WHEN POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE.

(III) WASHINGTON AGENCY READERS OF THIS SECTION OF REPORT SHOULD BE COGNIZANT THAT GRAND TOTAL ALL FOODGRANTS IN ALL LOCATIONS WILL NOT RPT NOT MATCH BOOK OPENING OR CLOSING BALANCE FOR ANY GIVEN MONTH CONTAINED IN THE FOODGRAIN POSITION AND FORECAST, PART A., ABOVE. IN THEORY, ON ONLY ONE DATE EACH YEAR, I.E. JULY FIRST WILL GOVERNMENT STOCKS (SECTION C.) AND BOOK BALANCE (SECTION A.) MATCH SINCE THIS TOTAL IS BASED UPON QUOTE PHYSICAL INVENTORY UNQUOTE. AS THE MONTHS PASS IN THE BDG FISCAL YEAR, THE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT STOCK SECTION AND THE BOOK BALANCE WILL GROW UNTIL IT IS AGAIN RECONCILED ON JULY FIRST OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. ALSO, WASHINGTON READERS ARE CAUTIONED THAT SECTION C., GOVERNMENT STOCKS, IS BASED UPON INVENTORY CONTROL RECORDS OR BAG COUNTS RATHER THAN ACTUAL WEIGHT. THUS, PRIMARY USE THIS SECTION OF REPORT WILL BE TO GIVE INDICATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF STOCKS, BY KIND, THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.

D. PORT SITUATION

(I) CHANGE REPORT PERIOD FROM CURRENT TO MOST RECENT MONTH,
E.G. ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1977 MISSION WILL REPORT ON ACTUAL
CONDITIONS THROUGH END AUGUST.

(II) IN VIEW INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE REPORTED IN PARTS B.
AND C., PORT SITUATION FORMAT ALTERED AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) NUMBER OF VESSELS ARRIVED MOST RECENT MONTH
- (B) NUMBER OF VESSELS DEPARTED MOST RECENT MONTH
- (C) AVERAGE DAILY DISCHARGE RATE FOR MOST RECENT MONTH
- (D) NUMBER OF VESSELS EXPECTED CURRENT MONTH
- (E) COMMENT SECTION: SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PORT OPERA-
TIONS FOR MOST RECENT, CURRENT AND/OR FUTURE MONTH.

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E. MARKET COMMODITY PRICES

(I) REPORTING PERIOD WILL BE FOR MOST RECENT MONTH, I.E.
ON SEPTEMBER 15TH, MISSION WILL REPORT ON AUGUST, PLUS A
SPOT REPORT FOR LATEST AVAILABLE DATE IN CURRENT MONTH. ALL
PRICES RETAIL, IN TAKA PER MAUND.

II)

COLUMNAR HEADINGS AS FOLLOWS: KHULNA DIVISION, RAJSHAHI
DIVISION, CHITTAGONG DIVISION, DACCA DIVISION, COUNTRY AVERAGE,
DACCA CITY.

(III) ROW HEADINGS AS FOLLOWS: FIRST WEEK (I.E. AUGUST),

(A) COARSE RICE, (B) MEDIUM RICE, (C) WHEAT FLOUR; SECOND
WEEK, (A) COARSE RICE, ETC., THIRD WEEK ETC.; FOURTH WEEK
ETC.; MONTH AVERAGE ETC.; AND SPOT PRICES FOR LATEST DATE
CURRENT MONTH.

F. GOVERNMENT FOODGRAIN POLICY. CONCUR PROPOSAL IN REFTEL

3. FOR REFTEL PARTS G. (CROPS), H9 (WEATHER) AND I. (PRIVATE SECTOR FOOD GRAIN ACTIVITIES) MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT MONTHLY REPORTS INCLUDE PERTINENT NEW DATA AND OTHER AUTHORITATIVE OBSERVATION OR COMMENTARY ON EACH OF THESE VARIABLES ON AN EXCEPTION REPORTING BASIS. PRIMARY REASONS FOR EXCEPTION REPORTING IS THAT DATA ON UNCLASSIFIED

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THESE THREE VARIABLES ARE UNRELIABLE, OFTEN INACCESSIBLE AND WOULD BARELY ENCOMPASS EIGHTEEN MONTH PERIOD OF FOODGRAIN REPORT.

4. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES WILL FIND MODIFICATIONS TO FOODGRAIN REPORT PROPOSED HEREIN ACCEPTABLE, WE WILL CABLE FIRST REPORT COVERING MONTH OF AUGUST O/A SEPTEMBER 15. AFTER ONE OR TWO MONTHS EXPERIENCE WE WOULD WELCOME WASHINGTON SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFINEMENT AND POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN LENGTH OF REPORT.
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